

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**RS23841**

This legislation establishes a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Action Center. The STEM Action Center will drive student experience, engagement and industry alignment to allow Idaho's students competitive employment opportunities within the STEM workforce pipeline. The STEM Action Center administrator will be the state official who designates, coordinates, oversees, and promotes STEM's programs and best practices. The Action Center and the administrator will ensure the State's STEM efforts are connected with industry goals and Idaho's long-term economic prosperity.

FISCAL NOTE

\$2 million in FY 2016 General Fund appropriations will cover salary, benefits and operation costs for the STEM Action Center. The appropriation will provide professional development for education regarding STEM education, facilitate participation in STEM student education programs including interscholastic related competitions, fairs, expositions, and camps, and engage private industry in the development and maintenance of the STEM Action Center projects.

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